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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN
UPDATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS **OCTOBER
1, 2009**, HELD AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, LARGE HALL, 110 EAST
MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jane Ogle.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Barbara Cardillo, Jim Foley, Melanie Hanssen, Marcia Jensen, Tom O'Donnell, Jane Ogle, Joe Pirzynski, Dan Ross, Chuck Sloan, Barbara Spector, Tom Spilsbury, Gordon Yamate

Members absent: John Bourgeois, Perry Hirari, Libby Lane, Tim Lundell, Deborah Weinstein

Staff present: Wendie Rooney, Director of Community Development; Suzanne Davis, Associate Planner; Jennifer Savage, Assistant Planner

Consultants present: Chad Markell & Agnes Chan, Design, Community & Environment.
Public attendees: Chris Miller

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Chris Miller, A Place for Teens, commented that he was happy to see the goal of coordinating with Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation in providing services for teens and The Venue. The overarching organization is A Place for Teens and he would like to have policy HS.P (2) modified to reflect that.

ITEM 1 POLICY ALTERNATIVES REVIEW OF FOUR FOCUS AREAS

Wendie Rooney introduced the item stating that the goals and policies have been revised based on previous GPAC discussions.

Chad Markell noted that dog policies were added, the Vasona Light Rail Element was reviewed, and the environment and sustainability criteria was revised (within the Conservation Element).

Marcia Jensen asked if the Committee will be reviewing implementing strategies. *Wendie Rooney* said they will be included in the draft General Plan and can be commented on then.

Tom O'Donnell suggested redlining or otherwise delineating changes so it is more apparent what is new.

Barbara Spector commented that local residents are also pedestrians in O.P.2X (3). "Pedestrians" will be changed to "visitors".

Joe Pirzynski suggested more active and passive facilities under O.G (5)

The Committee decided to eliminate policy O.P (10).

Jane Ogle suggested changing the word "consider" in O.P (12) to something more definitive.

Barbara Spector commented that O.P (13) is already happening.

Tom Spilsbury suggested combining O.P (12) and (13) and adding the word "encourage."

Referencing O.P (12) and (13), *Chad Markell* noted that the policies will be supported by implementing strategies such as conducting a study, evaluating to determine if something is feasible, monitoring and seeing how it works, etc.

Joe Pirzynski noted that Cupertino is currently working on allowing off leash times for dogs in existing parks. He believes the Town needs to do something as there is a large dog population.

Barbara Spector said she is a big advocate of having off leash areas for dogs. She prefers "encourage" rather than "allow".

Marcia Jensen suggested "explore" rather than "allow".

Tom O'Donnell said "explore" or "address" puts it in context.

Gordon Yamate commented that regardless of whether you are in a contained area or in an area where dogs can run free, it comes down to responsibility of dog owners. He wouldn't want to see the Town be held responsible for problems such as dog fights. It needs to be clear that dog owners are responsible for their animals.

It was decided that the two policies will be kept separate and the wording changed based on Committee discussion.

Tom O'Donnell commented that O.P (15) sounds like the Town will be going in and removing the concrete channels. It should be done in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Water District or other agencies. *Joe Pirzynski* and *Chuck Sloan* felt the Town should be proactive.

Melanie Hanssen asked if O.P. (15) is the only goal for the Los Gatos Creek Trail. It was noted that other items were discussed previously, such as adding signage and improving trails.

Joe Pirzynski commented that there should be a policy related to amenities for the creek trail. *Chad Markell* said it will be researched; he believes there are existing General Plan policies that may cover that.

Marcia Jensen commented that it doesn't need to say senior twice in HS.P (4).

Barbara Cardillo asked for clarification on what the language means in HS.P (5).

Barbara Spector noted that the senior goals and policies overlap.

Wendie Rooney said the section will be restructured. There are four goals: to encourage developers to provide affordable housing, improve access and care, and to improve mobility.

HS.P (2) was modified to include A Place for Teens and delete The Venue.

Joe Pirzynski commented that HS.P (3) is not clear. *Gordon Yamate* commented that he thought the idea was to provide programs for youth. The policy will be reworded.

Melanie Hanssen commented that there aren't many volunteer opportunities for youth. *Jane Ogle* commented that HS.P (5) should be expanded.

It was decided that there should be a similar policy in the senior section to mirror the intent of HS.P (5)

Marcia Jensen questioned the intent of HS.P (6). *Joe Pirzynski* and *Barbara Spector* agreed that it is unclear.

Melanie Hanssen would like to see more opportunities for youth to be involved in the community.

Chad Markell said that two goals will be combined and the opportunity for youth involvement will be integrated.

Wendie Rooney clarified that the two goals are to continue supporting the Youth Commission and to provide greater involvement for youth in the community.

Gordon Yamate commented on the meaning of the word "diverse" and that it is important to make it inclusive as opposed to exclusive. HS.G (6)

Barbara Spector said that the intent is to include marginalized kids and different ethnic groups.

Tom O'Donnell suggested taking out the buzz words.

Tom Spilsbury clarified that the term 'complete streets' is included in the glossary.

"All" was eliminated from L.P5.X (6).

Barbara Spector commented that most of the building related items are encouraged as opposed to being required, and how that would be accomplished. *Wendie Rooney* noted that incentives will be developed.

Tom O'Donnell expressed concern about including C.P.2X (35) when it is questionable that it will be accomplished within our lifetime. If it can be implemented, he is all for it.

Barbara Spector commented that the Town should encourage provision of recycled water systems. *Wendie Rooney* suggested applying it to large scale projects, not single-family homes.

Next steps:

Staff and consultants will start preparation of the draft document and the EIR. The GPAC may review final draft goals and policies with the implementing strategies added, although that has not yet been determined.

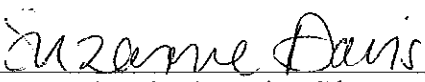
OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting of the GPAC is to be determined.

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